

Abstract of the Disclosure

A planar waveguide grating device has a slab waveguide defining an input channel and a plurality of output channels. An echelle grating has a multitude of facets, each of the facets being blazed with respect to a preselected output channel. Each facet has an
5 elliptical curvature so as to be astigmatic with respect to the input channel and the preselected output channel. The echelle grating is preferably based on a Rowland circle design. The astigmatic design of the facets reduces aberrations at high orders.

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